(c) Investigation has been taken up but certain inquiries are pending in U.K. and some information is awaited from the Chairman, U.B. Group.

Compromise formula for resettlement of NPAs

3187. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether RBI has issued compromise formula for resettlement of NPAs as reported in the Hindu dated 3rd August, 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Industries or individuals who are involved in Rs. 5 crore and above in NPAs would be handled separately; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government/Banks to recover NPAs from individuals or firms which are to pay Rs. 5 crore and above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALA SAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) RBI has issued guidelines to provide a simplified, non-discriminatory and non-discretionary mechanism for recovery to stock of NPAs with outstanding upto Rs. 5 crore in all sectors. The salient features of the revised guidelines are as under:—

(1) The received guidelines will cover all NPAs in all sectors irrespective of the nature of business, which have become doubtful or loss as on March 31, 1997 with outstanding balance of Rs. 5 crore and below on the cut off date.

(2) The guidelines will also cover NPAs classified as sub-standard as on March 31, 1997, which have become doubtful or loss subsequently.

(3) These guidelines will also cover cases pending before Courts/DRTs/BIFR subject to consent decree being obtained from courts/DRTs/BIFR.

(4) Cases of wilfil default, fraud and malfeasance will not be covered.

(5) The revised guidelines will remain operative upto March 31, 2001.

(c) and (d) CMDs of public sector banks are exepcted to personally supervise NPAs above Rs. 5 crores on a case to case basis and decide the course of action in terms of rehabilitation/restructuring, one time settlement or filing of suits, by 31st August, 2000 in terms of the policy guidelines evolved by the Board of Directors.

Welfare schemes for LIC agents

3188. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any existing welfare scheme for the agents of LIC of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if the answer to part (a) is in the negative whether Government propose to start any such scheme for the welfare of agents of LIC; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) LIC have reported that in addition to the commission they receive, the agents are entitled to gratuity, advances for purchase of vehicle, personal computers, office equipments, medical treatments, etc. Benefits are also allowed such as reimbursement of office allowance, telephone expenses, group insurance benefit, group medical benefit etc. to club member agents.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Financial condition of States

3189. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the financial condition of States has deteriorated recently;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) how the financial position of Punjab, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat compared with that of Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh during 1980—90 *vis-a-vis* 1991—99?